

LEWIS COUNTY- STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) OF THE SOUTH LEWIS COUNTY SUBAREA PLAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO TAKE COMMENTS

DATE OF ISSUANCE: August 24, 2010

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: To inform the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the South Lewis County Subarea Plan is being released for public review and comment. A thirty (30) day comment period will begin on September 1, 2010 and will end on October 8, 2010. All comments received during the comment period will be reviewed and considered in preparation of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

PROPONENT: Lewis County Department of Community Development

PURPOSE OF THE EIS: To identify the potential significant adverse impacts of the alternatives considered in the subarea planning process and the associated mitigating measures.

PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Impact Statement of the South Lewis County Subarea Plan

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: The proposed non-project action is the adoption of a Subarea Plan that will amend the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and Lewis County Code to add a more detailed level of land use, housing, transportation, capital facilities, and environmental policies aimed at increasing the economic development potential in South Lewis County while complying with the goals of the Growth Management Act. This includes the designation of economic development urban growth areas, as proposed by the South Lewis County Subarea Steering Committee, as well as a No-Action Alternative.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The South Lewis County Subarea is located in the southwest portion of Lewis County. The Subarea is located along the I-5 corridor south of the major population centers of the County (the cities of Centralia, Chehalis, and Napavine). The Subarea is approximately 106 square miles, or 67,000 acres in size and includes the cities of Toledo, Vader, and Winlock and their associated urban growth areas (UGAs).

COMMENTING ON DEIS: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the DEIS. The DEIS and Subarea Plan proposal are available for review are available online at:

- Online: <http://lewiscountywa.gov/communitydevelopment/communitydevelopment-south-county-subarea-plan>
- Lewis County Community Development, 2025 NE Kresky Ave, Chehalis, WA 98532
- Winlock Timberland Regional Library
- Lewis County Senior Centers in Toledo and Winlock
- Toledo, Winlock, and Vader City Halls
- Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing Association, 107 Spencer Rd, Toledo, WA 98591

Hardcopies are available upon request at a rate of \$0.15 per page for black and white copies with an additional cost if colored copies are requested. Most information is available online for free at the website.

Comments on DEIS may be submitted in writing between the release date and the close of the comment period on October 8, 2010 by 5PM or in person during a **public meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, September 29, 2010** beginning at 7:00 PM at the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing (St. Mary's) at 107 Spencer Road, Toledo WA 98591.

Written comments may be submitted to:

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